

The point is that there has been no cooperation extended. There has been a lot of rhetoric, and that is the end of it. Mrs. Helms raised a dumb son, maybe, but she did not raise a stupid one. I understand the name of the game. The administration and its supporters have wanted this bill to die a quiet death. It is not going to die. It is going back on the calendar, but it will return. Just as MacArthur said, I will return, the administration can count on this bill's return.

I will enjoy the Tuesdays and Thursdays when we normally have business sessions of the Foreign Relations Committee. The bill will not be killed with the administration's tactic. It is going to keep coming back and back and back until we get a vote. If the Senate votes down the bill, fine. That is fair enough. Or, if there is a move by Members of the Senate on the other side who want to present a concrete alternative, that will be fine. Or, if we can get now what we did not get before, a commitment from the Vice President of the United States—you know, the fellow who is in charge of reinvention of Government—that he and his associates will work with us, that will be fine. If the President of the United States indicates that he wants some ambassadors cleared and he wants his representatives in the Senate to cooperate in jointly producing a bill, that will be fine.

But I appreciate the Senators on the Republican side, and I appreciate my good friend, Senator PELL, for having voted for cloture in both instances today.

At a later time, I will have more to say, and I thank you, Mr. President.

I yield the floor.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 908

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I have indicated at our policy luncheon that this bill will probably be brought up at a later time. But I would now ask unanimous consent that the Department of State reorganization be placed back on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Again, let me say to my colleague from North Carolina that we have indicated to him that this would be back up again. We discussed that with the distinguished Senator from Massachusetts, and the Senator from Rhode Island. It is an important bill. But I think in the spirit of trying to get some things done—we can get on hopefully with part of the recess—this is the best course to follow.

So I thank my colleague from North Carolina for his agreeing with that procedure.

There will be votes throughout the day.

Mr. KERRY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would just like to say to the majority leader and to the distinguished chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, I respect and appreciate the decision of the majority leader with respect to the bill that was just on the floor, but I want the distinguished chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee to know that the quote he read has already been disavowed. It is not the policy of the Democratic side, and that is not what we are trying to do with respect to this bill.

I would be happy to engage with the Senator further as we have previous to this to try to see if we can arrive at some kind of understanding. It is an important piece of legislation. We are not trying to avoid it altogether. But I think it was premature in its current state, and we would be happy to work with the Senator from North Carolina in an effort to see if we can come up with a reasonable bipartisan approach.

THE SENATE'S SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Let me indicate to my colleagues now what we would like to do between now and the 12th of August—hopefully by the 12th, if not beyond the 12th; that is, to complete action on the energy and water appropriations, to complete action on the DOD authorization bill, to complete action on welfare reform, to complete action on the DOD appropriations bill, and I am advised by Senators STEVENS and INOUE—we had a meeting in my office this morning—that could be done in one day. Marty was there, I might add, the Democratic leader's representative. It was not a party meeting. They said what we could do. And there is also a hope, because we have had some conversations that there may be renewed interest in getting some agreement, if possible, on reg reform, that we can either finish it before we leave for the recess, or finish it when we are back.

So I would just say in the spirit of everybody trying, I know there are going to be important amendments, and I know they want them to be debated. Everybody has that right.

According to the appropriators, the DOD appropriators, many of these amendments that are going to be taken care of in DOD authorization we will treat the same in the appropriations bill. It might speed up the process. So that would be very helpful.

I say to the Democratic leader, I do not think we have tried to pile up too much here if everything goes well and if we all cooperate on both sides. Most of these issues involved are not partisan issues. They are policy issues where you have Republicans and Democrats, particularly in DOD, maybe in this energy and water, you have Republicans and some Democrats on each side of the issues, so they are not partisan issues. There should not be any partisan roadblocks that I know of. I

am not as familiar with the bills as obviously the managers are.

So we will now move to energy and water. And I will be very happy to yield to the distinguished Democratic leader if he wanted to make any comments.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would subscribe to what the majority leader indicated. None of the legislation contemplated for completion except perhaps welfare reform—we will have to see where we are on that, but I think by and large the legislation pending is all legislation that I am hopeful we can work through.

I am not as optimistic about the degree to which we can work through these very significant amendments on DOD unless we have some understanding as to what the timeframe may be and whether or not some of these amendments could be offered as amendments to defense appropriations, but there are very serious questions here that have to be addressed. And I think Members ought to expect long days and a Saturday session in order for us to accomplish all that the leader has set out for us to accomplish in the next week and a half.

Mr. DOLE. There will be a Saturday session. I appreciate the Democrat leader mentioning that.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS, 1996

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate business is the energy and water appropriation bill, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, let me indicate that we are going to try to finish this energy and water appropriations bill today. I have been advised by the managers that they think that can be done. They have resolved one of the contentious issues.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I should like to address one portion of that bill for just a few moments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington is recognized.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, as we recommence the debate on the appropriations for energy and water, I should like to express my appreciation to the distinguished chairman of that appropriations subcommittee, the Senator from New Mexico, and his colleague, the Senator from Louisiana, for the thoughtful and generous treatment they have accorded to two projects in the State of Washington that are of great importance to that State. The subcommittee has approved and the Senate is now considering funding for the Yakima River Basin water enhancement project and the Columbia